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**From:** Allen, HarryL [Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/6/2017 11:42:44 PM  
**To:** Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]; Vianu, Libby [Vianu.Libby@epa.gov]; Herrera, Angeles [Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Meer, Daniel [Meer.Daniel@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Polluted Military Bases - SP# 2936

Hi guys,

Libby and I received this email on Hickam AFB. Neither Libby nor I have any knowledge of the claims in this email. Any suggestions? Libby talked to DOH and they didn't provide anything relevant. Thanks!

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**From:** Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:54 AM  
**To:** Vianu, Libby <Vianu.Libby@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allen, HarryL <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Polluted Military Bases - SP# 2936  
**Importance:** High

Aloha Ms. Vianu & Mr. Allen,

After calling EPA's Environmental Justice Hotline and discussing this issue with Veda Reed, she referred me to Karen Vitulano. However, Ms. Vitulano was unable to help and recommended that I ask you. I am seeking help from EPA relative to undisclosed risks of chronic, low-level exposure to organochlorine pesticides to thousands of military children, service and family members who live in densely populated and privatized military family housing communities associated with Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Attached is an overview of this issue, including links to source documents and supporting evidence. Below are my questions/concerns regarding this unresolved and serious issue:

1. Does EPA believe it is acceptable for OMC to continue evading HDOH's requests for post-construction or confirmation soil testing in these occupied, residential communities? If so, why? If not, is there anything EPA can do to ensure this much-needed and long-overdue testing is done?
2. HDOH also requested a federal investigation (ATSDR) into this matter, but OMC also managed to evade this request by removing and replacing the managing, corporate partner just a few weeks after the investigation was requested. Additionally, OMC's ongoing evasion of requested post-construction testing is also a hindrance, as this testing is needed for ATSDR to conduct the investigation requested. Is there anything EPA can do to ensure the federal investigation HDOH requested is facilitated?
3. Is it possible that overall failures to protect human health and the environment in privatized military family housing communities on federal lands is environmentally discriminating against or not providing equal environmental protection to hundreds of thousands of military children, service and family members who live in these residential communities? Based upon my review of available evidence, military children, service and family members are disproportionately exposed to hazardous environmental conditions and

substances in and around their homes and, as a result, they suffer increased or disproportionate levels of serious health effects. Is this environmental discrimination?

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

**Personal Matters / Ex. 6**

**From:** Vitulano, Karen [mailto:Vitulano.Karen@epa.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:07 PM

**To:** Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

**Cc:** Allen, HarryL <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>; Vianu, Libby <Vianu.Libby@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Polluted Military Bases - SP# 2936

Hi Cara – Thanks for speaking with me yesterday on the phone and for your patience while I tried to find an appropriate contact for you at EPA regarding your concern. Based on some back and forth, it appears that the best contacts are:

Harry Allen, Section Chief, Emergency Response: [allen.harryl@epa.gov](mailto:allen.harryl@epa.gov), 415-972-3063

Libby Vianu, ATSDR Regional Director: [vianu.libby@epa.gov](mailto:vianu.libby@epa.gov), 415-947-4319

I'm not sure of their availability this week but hopefully you will be able to make contact soon.

We also wanted to inform you of another training that EPA and ATSDR are co-sponsoring for medical providers on pesticide and other environmental exposures and children's health. <http://eha-web.doh.hawaii.gov/eha-cma/Leaders/HEER/Childrens-Environmental-Health-Symposium>

Best of luck on your endeavors in this matter.

Sincerely-

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**From:** Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:23 AM

**To:** Vitulano, Karen <Vitulano.Karen@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Polluted Military Bases - SP# 2936

**Importance:** High

Aloha Karen,

Veda Reed from the Environmental Justice Hotline recommended that I contact you relative to undisclosed, hazardous soils throughout densely populated and privatized military family housing communities associated with Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Attached is an overview of the issue, including links to source documents and supporting evidence. Below are my questions/concerns regarding the same:

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Many thanks,

Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

**From:** Reed, Veda [mailto:Reed.Veda@epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** EJHotline

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 4:13 PM

**To:** [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

**Cc:** Bell, Aaron L. <Bell.Aaron@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Polluted Military Bases - SP# 2936

Dear Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]

This is in regard to your inquiry to this office, wherein you expressed concern about the Naval Station Pearl Harbor and the Hickam Air Force Base, both adjacent to Honolulu, which you believe have been built on contaminated lands.

Please contact Karen Vitulano, National Environmental Policy Act Reviewer for EPA Region 9, at (415) 947-4178. She may also be reached via email at [vitulano.karen@epa.gov](mailto:vitulano.karen@epa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in the EPA's Environmental Justice program.

Veda E. D. Reed, MBA, SEE | Hotline Support/Program Assistant

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